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O 021217Z

FM JCS

INFO RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEPCR/NSA

Z 021114Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/SECNAV

RUEKDA/JCS

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

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QUOTE

Z 021008Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

CINCPAC

CNO

CTG SEVEN TWO

COMUSMACV

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TORP ATTACK

SITREP NR. ONE

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AT MSG RECEIVED FROM MADDOX QUOTE AM BEING APPROACHED BY HIGH
SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND
TO OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY SELF DEFENSE. UNQUOTE. TURNER JOY WHO WAS
ON WATCH DOG STATION FOR CTG 77.5 YANKEE TEAM OPS AT/N17-31 108-00E
WAS ORDERED TO PROCEED TO ASSIST MADDOX. AT 020805Z FLASH MESSAGE
WAS SENT TO COMSEVENTHFLT, INFO CINCPACFLT, CTG 72, COMUSMACV HAT CTG
77.5 WAS PROVIDING FOUR SF8 FOR AI COVER MADDOX WITH ORDERS NOT TO
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FIRE UNLESS MADDOX FIRED UPON. THESE ACFT WERE ORBITING TURNER JOY
HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY LAUNCHED FROM TICO AT 020710Z. MADDOX REPORTED
IN MESSAGE RECEIVED TICO AT 021515 THAT QUOTE IT IS BEING ATTACKED BY
DRV PT CRAFT, AND THAT HE WAS OPENING UP WITH 5 INCH BATTERY. UNQUOTE.
WORD PASSED TO WATCH DOG F8'S TO ATTACK THE DRV PATROL BOAT ONLY IF
THEY ATTACKED MADDOX. ON ARRIVAL OVER MADDOX, MADDOX WAS OPENING
FIRE WITH 5 INCH BATTERIES AND DIRECTED AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK PT BOATS.
ZNI ATTACKS MADE FIRST. NO DIRECT HITS OBSERVED. STRAFING ATTACKS
MADE ON ALL THREE BOATS. PILOTS DEBRIEFED REPORTED ONE PT BOAT
DAMAGED AND DEAD IN THE WATER, TWO PT BOATS DAMAGED AND PROCEEDING
TO BEACH, SECOND FLIGHT OF FOUR F8'S VECTORED TO MADDOX BUT ORDERED
NOT TO PURSUE PT CRAFT PURSUANT TO SEVENTH FLEET MSG 020859Z F8'S
DIRECTED TO ORBIT POSITION BUT TO HOLD FIRE UNLESS PT CRAFT RESUMED
ATTACKS. WHEN THIS FLIGHT DEPARTED MADDOX LAST REPORT ONE PT TRAILING.
MADDOX REPORTS NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES. MORE FOLLOWS.

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